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**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 25**  
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**CREATING THE QUEZON CITY EL NIÑO TASK FORCE AND PROVIDING  
COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS THEREOF**

**WHEREAS**, *El Niño* is a climate pattern characterized by unusually warmer than average sea surface temperatures in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean;

**WHEREAS**, an *El Niño Watch* is issued when conditions arise that may lead to the probable development of *El Niño* within the next six (6) months;

**WHEREAS**, based on recent conditions and forecast models indicating that the *El Niño* season will likely develop within July to September of this year, and possibly persist until 2024, the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) has raised the *El Niño* Southern Oscillation (ENSO) Alert and Warning System, into an *El Niño Watch*;

**WHEREAS**, with *El Niño* increasing the likelihood of drought and flooding, consequently raising water, food security, and health concerns, the Quezon City Government in accordance with Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 2023-065, recognizes the need to mitigate, prevent, or otherwise address such concerns to ensure the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of Quezon City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE**, City Mayor of Quezon City, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

**SECTION 1. CONSTITUTION.** The Quezon City *El Niño* Task Force is hereby created for the purpose of developing, implementing, and/or enforcing plans, programs, and policies which may be effected to mitigate, prevent, or otherwise address the deleterious effects which may be brought about by *El Niño*.

**SECTION 2. COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION.** The Task Force shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson: The City Mayor

Co-Vice  
Chairpersons: The Assistant City Administrator for Operations  
The Head, Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability  
Department

Members:

1. The City Engineer
2. The City Architect
3. The Head, Parks Development and Administration Department
4. The City Health Officer

5. The Head, Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office
6. The Head, Barangay and Community Relations Department
7. The Head, Public Affairs and Information Services Department
8. The Head, Education Affairs Unit
9. The Executive Officer, Joy of Urban Farming Program
10. The Sustainable Development Projects Officer
11. The City Planning and Development Officer
12. The Quezon City Fire Marshall

Secretariat: Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Department

At any time, the City Mayor as the Task Force Chairperson may, at her discretion, change the composition of the Task Force for it to be more responsive to the goals of this Executive Order.

**SECTION 3. FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES.** The Task Force shall perform the following functions, duties, and responsibilities:

- a) Assess and evaluate areas of concern which may be negatively affected by *El Niño*, and develop plans, programs, and policies to prevent, mitigate, or otherwise address such concerns;
- b) Propose ordinances, resolutions, and other measures, which may address *El Niño* concerns, including but not limited to responsible water use, and the maintenance of a clean environment;
- c) Develop plans with the water concessionaires to ensure the availability of water and water delivery systems;
- d) Ensure the implementation and modification of any *El Niño* or other related preparedness plans to prevent, mitigate, or otherwise address *El Niño* related concerns;
- e) Coordinate with concerned National Government Agencies, the academe and other appropriate entities, to access relevant information and methods in combating the deleterious effects of *El Niño*;
- f) Intensify information campaigns to spread awareness on *El Niño* prevention and mitigation measures;
- g) Identify and mobilize the necessary resources, including but not limited to funds, personnel, and equipment to be maintained for the purposes required under this Executive Order;
- h) Report its findings, proposed plans, programs, and policies, necessary for the prevention and mitigation of *El Niño* concerns; and
- i) Such other duties and functions necessary for the full and proper achievement of the purposes of this Executive Order.

**SECTION 4. RESOURCE AVAILABILITY.** The funds necessary for the operation of the Task Force shall be sourced from the available funds of the Task Force member Departments and Offices, and if so required, the Office of the City Mayor may augment such funds, subject to usual accounting rules and procedures.


**SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** The provisions of this Executive Order are hereby declared separable and in the event that any such provision is declared unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.



**SECTION 6. DISSEMINATION.** A copy of this Executive Order shall be furnished to the Office of the President and the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority for information and guidance, pursuant to Sec. 455 (1) (xii) of Republic Act No. 7160 or the *Local Government Code*, and shall be posted at the official website of the City.

**SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE, 19 July 2023, Quezon City

  
**MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE**  
City Mayor